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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Commerce
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Capito, Ranking Member Whitehouse, Chairman Guthrie, Ranking Member Pallone, Chairman Graves, and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong support for a suite of bipartisan legislation that will strengthen the security, resilience, and sustainability of the nation's water and wastewater utilities. Collectively these legislative proposals address the highest priority cybersecurity needs identified by our members, including funding for implementation, training and technical assistance, and improved threat information sharing. As threats to critical infrastructure continue to grow, the following bills provide the resources, technical assistance, and access to information that utilities need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity threats, natural hazards, and extreme weather events.

Funding to support implementation and enhanced resilience

- **Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act**

The Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act ([H.R. 5566](#) / [S. 3590](#)) reauthorizes three critical programs that help drinking water and wastewater utilities improve their resilience to both natural hazards and cybersecurity threats. .

- **The Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program.** Authorized for \$25,000,000 in each of Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, this program helps drinking water utilities in small communities with reducing the impacts of natural hazards like earthquakes, wildfires, and floods.
- **The Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program.** Authorized for \$50,000,000 in each of Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, this program provides grants to help drinking water utilities increase resilience to natural hazards, extreme weather events, and cybersecurity threats.
- **The Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program.** Authorized for \$25,000,000 in each of Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, this program awards grants to wastewater utilities for projects that increase resilience to natural hazards and cybersecurity threats.
- **Water Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2025**
The Water Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2025 ([H.R. 5868](#) / [S. 1549](#)) authorizes \$25,000,000 in each of Fiscal Years 2026 through 2031 for the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resilience Program and expands eligibility to include cybersecurity training. The program provides grants to assist drinking water utilities with increasing their resilience to both physical and cybersecurity attacks.
- **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Reauthorization Act**
The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Reauthorization Act ([S. 3251](#)) reauthorizes the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) at \$300,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2026. SLCGP provides funding to state, local, and territorial governments to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems, improving the security of critical infrastructure – including municipal water and wastewater utilities.

Technical assistance and training

- **Cybersecurity for Rural Systems Act**
The Cybersecurity for Rural Systems Act ([H.R. 2109](#) / [S. 1018](#)) authorizes \$10,000,000 in each of Fiscal Years 2026 through 2029 to expand the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Circuit Rider program to include cybersecurity technical assistance for rural drinking water and wastewater systems. The Circuit Rider program, administered by the National Rural Water Association, provides hands-on training and technical assistance at no cost for small communities and rural utilities experiencing challenges with daily operations, maintenance, and regulatory compliance.

Improved threat information sharing

- **Water Intelligence, Security, and Cyber Threat Protection Act of 2025**

The Water Intelligence, Security, and Cyber Threat Protection Act of 2025 ([H.R. 2344](#) / [S. 1118](#)) authorizes \$10,000,000 of assistance in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 to help water and wastewater utilities offset costs associated with initiating or maintaining membership to Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). WaterISAC is the only security network specifically designed to serve the water sector. WaterISAC provides critical resources and tools, water sector threat analysis, response support, and opportunities for information sharing between utilities, ensuring that water and wastewater utilities are better able to prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats.

- **Protecting America from Cyber Threats Act**

The Protecting America from Cyber Threats Act ([S. 2983](#)) reauthorizes through 2035 the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, which provides privacy and liability protections to facilitate collaboration and information sharing between the federal government, the private sector, and entities like water and wastewater utilities. Congress provided a short-term extension of the legislation as part of the Continuing Resolution ([H.R. 5371](#)) signed into law in November 2025. However, this extension expired on January 30, and long-term reauthorization is necessary to help drinking water and wastewater utilities stay ahead of the curve.

Taken together, these bills will help water and wastewater utilities increase their cybersecurity posture, improve resilience to natural hazards, and ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable water service to their communities. As Congress crafts legislation to reauthorize critical water infrastructure programs this year, we urge you to include this bipartisan package of cybersecurity and resilience bills.

Sincerely,

Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
American Water Works Association
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Water Companies
National Rural Water Association
Water Environment Federation

cc: The Honorable John Boozman, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
The Honorable Amy Klobuchar, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
The Honorable Glenn Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture
The Honorable Angie Craig, Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture
The Honorable Rand Paul, Chair, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security
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The Honorable Andrew Garbarino, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Bennie Thompson, Ranking Member, House Committee on Homeland
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